

2012 Lightning Fatalities

In 2012, there were 28 lightning fatalities, 2 more than the 2011 total of 26. The 2012 number still is well below the 10-year average of 37 fatalities. Florida had the misfortune to number the most victims with 5 fatalities, followed by New Jersey and Texas with 3 each. In 2012, the most dangerous place to be was outside doing chores, walking or engaging in other non-team sports where 12 people died (43%). The next most dangerous place was under a tree where 11 deaths (39%) occurred. Almost 8 times as many males, 25 (89%), as females, 3 (11%), were killed by lightning. The hardest hit age ranges were tweens and teens 11-19 and adults aged 40-49 and 50-59; all three categories numbered 5 deaths (54%) each.

2012 Lightning Fatalities by State and Location

State	BF	BO	CA	EQ	GF	IW	OT	OU	TE	UT	Total
AL (Alabama)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
CA (California)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
FL (Florida)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	5
GA (Georgia)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
IL (Illinois)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
KS (Kansas)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
KY (Kentucky)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
LA (Louisiana)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
MN (Minnesota)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
NC (North Carolina)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
NJ (New Jersey)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
OH (Ohio)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
OK (Oklahoma)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
PA (Pennsylvania)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
TX (Texas)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
UT (Utah)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
VT (Vermont)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	12	0	11	28
Percent	3.57	10.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.57	0.00	42.86	0.00	39.29	

Legend

BF -	Ball Field
BO -	Boating
CA -	Camping
EQ -	Heavy Equipment/Construction
GF -	Golfing
IW -	In Water
OT -	Other
OU -	Outside/Open Areas
TE -	Telephone
UT -	Under Tree

2012 Lightning Fatalities by Age and Gender

	Female	Male	Unknown	Total	Percent
0 to 9	0	1	0	1	3.57
10 to 19	0	5	0	5	17.86
20 to 29	0	3	0	3	10.71
30 to 39	1	2	0	3	10.71
40 to 49	1	4	0	5	17.86
50 to 59	0	5	0	5	17.86
60 to 69	1	3	0	4	14.29
70 to 79	0	2	0	2	7.14
80 to 89	0	0	0	0	0.00
90 to --	0	0	0	0	0.00
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0.00
Total	3	25	0	28	
Percent	10.71	89.29	0.00		